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APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FINGER DELAY SELECTION IN RAKE RECEIVERS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods of recovering information encoded in a spread spectrum signal transmitted according to a spreading sequence in a communications medium are provided in which a spread spectrum signal is received from the communications medium and correlated with a spreading sequence to produce a plurality of time-offset correlations. Some of these time-offset correlations may be designed to cancel out known interfering signals. A subset of the plurality of time-offsets may then be selected, and corresponding traffic correlations may then be combined using a weighted combination to estimate information encoded in the transmitted spread spectrum signal. Receivers for implementing these methods are also provided.